

haue not taken the degree of a maister of Arte vpon them in the vniuersitie, some parte of the new Testament to be learned without booke, and at the next Synode shall compell them to make repetition thereof: and they shall detecte vnto the Bishop, such as are eyther stubburne, or negligent herein.

When the visitation is finished, the Archdeacon shall signifie vnto the Byshop, whome he hath founde in euery Deanery, so furnished with learning and iudgement, that they may be thought worthy to instruct the people in sermons, and to rule and gouerne others. Of these the bishop may chuse some, whome he wil haue rurall Deanes.

Archdeacons shall straightly and seuerely punish all offenders, a not winke at their faultes, or suffer any man to escape unpunished, who is knownen to haue offended.

Archdeacons shall haue a speciall care, that the monumentes of theyr actes, and doinges be faythfully and safely preserued: and shall once euery yeare bryng to theyr bishop, all the originaill copies of such testametes, which shall be proued before them the yeare before, that they may be preserued by the Bishops Register.

They shall write out the copies of the same Testametes to their owne vse, if they will.

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and their Officials.



Every Chauncelloz, Commissary and official, shall be learned in the ecclesiasticall and ciuil lawes, and such one as is twenty and sixe yerres olde, and hath taken some degree in the scholes for learninges sake, and is reasonably well practised in course of law, touching whose lyfe and manners, no euill reporte be heard. Besides, euery one of these either shall be in the ministerie, or if he be not, yet shall he be well affected, and zealously bent toward religion, and such he shall openly and freely shew himselfe, and before he enter his office, he shall take an othe of the authoritie and supremacy of the Prince, and also shall subscribe to the articles of religion allowed in the conuocation of Bishops.

None of these, neyther Chauncelloz, Commissary, nor Official shall proceede in examination of matters vnto the sentence of excommunication, but onely in causes of instances. In matters of correction, they shall doe all other things which lawfully they may and are wont to be done.

But the sentence of excommunication they shall leaue onely to the Byshoppe, which either he himselfe shall pronounce, or shall commit the pronouncing therof to some graue man, which is in the ministerie. After that he hath geuen sentence, he shall also adde, for a warning and terroz to the people, a certaine order of wordes

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